

REMARKS

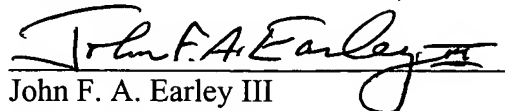
Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks:

- 1) Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1-18 and 32-36 are allowed.
- 2) Regarding the Examiner's Amendment, applicants are in agreement with the Examiner's change to the specification.
- 3) Regarding the rejection of claims 19-31 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,444,326 B1 (Smith), it is believed that this rejection is moot since claims 19-31 have been cancelled without prejudice.

If necessary, an appropriate extension of time to respond is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Patent Office Deposit Account No. 05-0208.

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